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In addition to the information provided on the attached PTO/SB/08, also submitted herewith is a copy of a PCT Search Report issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/GB99/03089, mailed June 21, 2000 and a Search Report issued in connection with counterpart Great Britain Application No. GB 9820430.8, mailed March 30, 1999.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information listed on the attached PTO/SB-08 of this Information Disclosure Statement was either previously cited by the Office or submitted in copending US. Patent Application No. 09/787,353 naming Richard C. Phelps et al. as inventors and filed June 12, 2001. Because the present application (i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/827,356) relies on US. Patent Application No. 09/787,353 for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120, copies of the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB-08 are not being provided herewith; see 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1).

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- 09/787,353 naming Richard C. PHELPS et al. as inventors and filed June 12, 2001;
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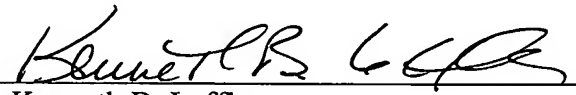
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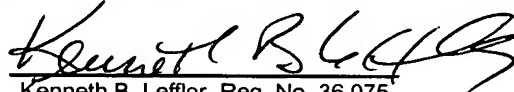
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